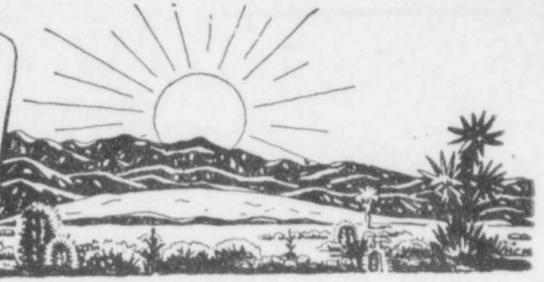




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Supervisor Dillon Candidate for Re-election

County Supervisor Robert E. Dillon this week announced his candidacy for reelection as supervisor of the Fourth District. Mr. Dillon has served this district impartially the past seven and a half years, and has proven himself a friend of Palm Springs. He has worked with the Chamber of Commerce in the matter of local street improvements, and has not hesitated to spend money on the streets here whenever money was available.

Following is Mr. Dillon's announcement:

To My Constituents of the Fourth Supervisorial District:

"Your support in the past few years and the accomplishments we have been able to effect jointly, lead me to place herewith my name before you for re-election as your supervisor. As four years ago, I come before you in the primaries of August 30 with one simple plank in my platform: No promises but the record of past achievements in this office. I stand on the saying, 'In politics it is not present promises but past performance and integrity."

"I have tried in these hard days of

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Campaign for Doctor Still Under Way

The campaign to secure funds to guarantee a definite salary for a physician in Palm Springs this summer is still underway. A list of subscriptions totaling \$250 were published in The Desert Sun last week, and more have been received. A \$5.00 check was received at The Desert Sun office from Myron V. Wilson this week and will be forwarded immediately to Harry Batchelor, chairman of the medical service committee.

It is still vitally important that more checks be sent to the committee as they are still short of the required amount.

Robert Ransom has offered to provide free living quarters to some doctor who would occupy Dr. Gray's office in the Plaza, and Drs. Hill and Oliver have offered the free use of their offices and equipment.

It is estimated that \$750 is needed for the fund. All donations should be made to Harry Batchelor, Box A, Palm Springs, or may be left at the Bank of America.

Regarding the fund, Mr. Batchelor made the following statement: "The summer residents of Palm Springs have an opportunity in this matter to do something for themselves and by themselves. I think it is distinctly up to us to take care of this situation and I see no reason why necessary funds cannot be obtained promptly and with little difficulty. I believe we should endeavor to raise \$750 for this purpose. Such collections as the doctor makes for services rendered can be applied against the guarantee fund, and at the end of his stay any balance left in the fund can be redistributed on a pro-rata basis or allocated to some local charity at the discretion of the mayor and city council."

THREE LOCAL BOYS TO ATTEND MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

Three local boys are looking forward to an interesting experience at the Citizens' Military training camp at Monterey, July 7 to August 6. Joe Omlin of Palm Springs and George Hopper, Jr., and Jack Chambers of Banning will travel together to the camp and on the homeward trip.

After the close of the camp the three boys will visit San Francisco and Yosemite.

Simpson's Radio Shop has moved its entire stock of radios to Banning from their Palm Springs shop and is closing out the entire lot at exceptionally low prices. Included are 52 new radios and many used sets. Prices are quoted in Simpson's large advertisement on another page of this newspaper.

Highway Safety Is Discussed by Lions Club

Thirteen members attended this week's unofficial meeting of the Palm Springs Lions Club held Thursday noon in the dining room at the Palm Springs Hotel.

Lion President Francis Crocker presided at the meeting and read two letters from Lion Lloyd Simon, prominent member of the local club who is visiting many Lions Clubs during the summer. Simon told in his letters of some of the activities and procedure of conducting meetings practiced by other Lions Clubs in Southern California.

He stated also that he had been able to engage several fine speakers to address the local club during this next season.

President Crocker opened an informal round-table discussion of the ever present problem of the increasing rate of fatalities from automobile accidents. He pointed out the fact that July is the gala month for automobile accidents, being the big vacation month when the highways are crowded with vacationists.

Crocker pointed out the fact that industrial accidents and fatalities have been greatly reduced by a campaign of education among American workmen. Then he left the question with the group as to why automobile accidents cannot be reduced by a campaign of education among motorists.

H. H. Quackenbush discussed the great importance of dimming lights on the highway.

Joe Butler described what the Redlands Lions Club is doing in the matter of safety. He stated that all members of the Redlands club are members of the "Not Over 50 Club" and have taken the pledge not to drive over 50 miles per hour.

The importance of driving safely during the Fourth of July holidays was stressed during the round-table discussion.

Palmer and Guild Attend Convention At Oakland

Archie Palmer and Kenneth Guild returned to Palm Springs this week from Oakland, where they attended, as delegates, the annual convention of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce held at that city from June 15 to 18 inclusive.

According to Archie Palmer, president of the local Junior Chamber, attendance at the Oakland convention was in excess of 2,000 delegates, representing some 42 states.

When asked the extent of the Junior Chamber of Commerce movement, Palmer stated that the national organization now contains in excess of 100,000 members. "The movement of the Junior Chamber of Commerce has spread," he said, "from its inception at St. Louis, Missouri, 18 years ago, to Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, South America, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and the Hawaiian Islands."

Tells of Organization's Aims

The Palm Springs Junior Chamber of Commerce is composed of younger business and professional men between the ages of 21 and 38. Palmer stated, "and has for its purposes and aims the following:

1. To promote civic interest.
2. To train young men for membership in the civic and industrial life of the community.

3. To fit its members for intelligent, active participation in Chamber of Commerce work.
4. To encourage acquaintanceship, good will, and fellowship among young business and professional men.

5. To assist in developing community spirit.
6. To encourage and assist young men to obtain a better understanding of business principles.

7. To interest its members in increasing their personal efficiency.

8. To cooperate with all civic bodies.

9. To cooperate with the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which it is a member, in advancing its program of usefulness to the city, state and nation.

B. M. A. Holds Informal Meeting This Week

The Palm Springs Business Men's Association met on Wednesday afternoon of this week in the office of the association in the Plaza with only a very small number of members in attendance. Because of the small attendance a formal meeting was not held, but a number of problems of current interest were discussed informally by the group.

Robert Ransom, the only officer of the organization in town Wednesday, presided at the meeting.

M. C. Dudley, executive secretary of the association, told the group of a trip he made on Friday and Saturday of last week, visiting Business Men's Associations at Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Pomona. The Redlands association was organized in 1923, Dudley stated, the Riverside association in 1905, Pomona in 1914, and the San Bernardino association has been in existence for over 20 years.

The Pomona association, Dudley said, claims to have in its credit report files the names of over 125,000 persons in that territory. Dudley pointed out that the business men in these cities have found the services of their business men's association to be very valuable to them, and that the merchants in Palm Springs should also find the service valuable.

Dudley found that none of the above associations operate an employment bureau as does the Palm Springs association, but they all saw no reason why it could not be done to the mutual benefit of employer and employee.

At the meeting this week the members present signified their wish to have the employment bureau of the Palm Springs Business Men's Association better publicized, as that bureau now has a number of jobs available in certain classifications with no applicants for these jobs. The local association renders a fine free-of-charge employment service.

Mr. Dudley is still expressing the fact of how important it is that local business men turn in their credit experience to the association on the blanks sent them for the purpose. Requests for credit reports on various persons are coming into the office of the local association every day.

Laws Concerning Public Peace and City Planning Body Before Council

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday evening in the council chamber on the second floor of the fire hall, Ordinance No. 8, Palm Springs' zoning ordinance, was passed and became effective immediately.

The ordinance is titled "An ordinance regulating the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, removal, demolition, conversion, occupancy, equipment, use, height, area, and maintenance of buildings and structures in the city of Palm Springs; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor, declaring and establishing fire districts, and providing penalties for the violation thereof."

Two more ordinances were introduced at the meeting Tuesday evening. One "An ordinance concerning the maintenance of public peace and public safety during labor disputes," the other "An ordinance of the city of Palm Springs creating a city planning commission." Both of these are on the calendar for consideration for passing at the next regular meeting of the council, which will be on Wednesday evening, June 29.

The ordinance titled "An ordinance concerning the maintenance of public peace and public safety during labor disputes" is in effect an anti-picketing ordinance, although not labeled as such.

The other ordinance introduced at the council meeting this week provides for a city planning commission of nine members, to be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. Three of the members of the planning commission must be the

LABOR TROUBLE THREATENS LOCAL BUILDING INDUSTRY

The "big guns began to roar" along the Palm Springs labor front this week as trouble that began two weeks ago, when labor union officials from San Bernardino landed in town, to protest the hiring by local material dealers of truck drivers whose dues had not been paid, broke into an open rift between Palm Springs contractors and supply men and the various unions that have been worrying the local building industry during the past year.

Several sore spots seem to be hurting the complaining unionists of Palm Springs. The most aggravating of these to the unions appears to be the appearance on the scene of several open shop jobs, the contractors on some of which are making "no bones" about the fact that they plan to keep their jobs on an open shop basis. Also bothering union officials is the fact that truck drivers who refuse to pay their dues to the union, although they are members, are being hired by certain local material dealers. Also troubling unionists like waving a red flag in front of a bull is the fact that local material dealers are delivering to the various open shop jobs that are sprouting up around town, and give every evidence that they plan to continue delivering to these open shop jobs.

Local contractors and building material dealers openly state that they are working together to make Palm Springs an open shop town, as far as the building industry goes, and this frankness and openness of purpose is also bothering the unions no end.

Unionists have unsuccessfully attempted to force the closed shop upon several of the open shop jobs now underway. They asked material dealers not to deliver to these jobs but were unsuccessful in this; and so an attempt was made to stop supply dealers from entering Palm Springs to stock local yards, by placing pickets on the

mayor himself, the city engineer, and the city attorney.

The local commission will take care of the regular duties of a planning commission such as working out a master plan for Palm Springs, zoning the town, selecting sites for public parks and for a civic center, working out a master plan for streets, etc.

A resolution concerning insurance coverage for the city of Palm Springs was read and passed Tuesday evening, and the insurance is now in effect. The insurance was written through the Kocher-Samson brokerage and covers all form of liability.

The following commission set-up was decided upon. Kocher-Samson, the firm through which the city was insured, will receive 25% of the agents' commission. The balance, or 75% of the agents' commission will be divided among all insurance brokers of Palm Springs, including Kocher-Samson, on the basis of the volume of business each brokerage did during 1937. This is relative to the city's liability insurance only.

Compensation insurance will be taken out by the city with the State of California.

FIGHT NORTH OF VILLAGE LANDS TWO IN COURT

Robert Lawrence Griffin and William Arthur Griffin of Banning were arrested near Palm Springs Sunday night for fighting and were booked on the charge of disturbing the peace and each paid a fine of \$20 in the court of Justice of the Peace J. J. Frederick at Banning early this week.

Former Local Boy Killed In Auto Crash

Victor R. McRill, known to his friends here as Harry McRill, was killed instantly Sunday night in an automobile accident in West Covina.

McRill was employed during this past season in the meat department of the local Safeway market and was very popular with his fellow employees. This spring he was transferred to Banning, and he worked for several weeks in the new Safeway store at the Pass city.

McRill was only 19 years of age and lived at 401 West "J" street, Ontario, at the time of his death.

According to deputy sheriffs of Los Angeles county, he was killed in West Covina Sunday night when his car collided with a truck driven by Homer Williams of Brawley.

The many friends of Victor McRill in Palm Springs mourn the passing of this fine young American boy.

Vital Meeting P. S. B. M. A. Wed. Eve.

A very important meeting of the Palm Springs Business Men's Association has been scheduled for three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, June 29, at which time a number of matters of current importance requiring immediate action will be discussed.

It is expected that quite a number of Palm Springs business men now out of town will drive down for this meeting because of its vital nature, and because there will be an important meeting of the city council that evening.

The meeting will be held in the office of the association, No. 15, the Plaza.

EDWARD SPIEGEL MARRIES MISS MILDRED STACY

Last Saturday morning a local couple, Edward Spiegel and Miss Mildred Stacy, stole a marn on their friends, when they were quietly married in Yuma, Arizona; the ceremony being solemnized by the Presbyterian pastor, Rev. Raymond Acheson.

They were attended by the groom's sister, Miss Thelma Spiegel, and Noel Ramsland.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Charles Stacy of Roanoke, Virginia, and has been living in Palm Springs the past two seasons.

The couple will spend their honeymoon in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler returned recently from a week's motor jaunt to Grand Canyon and Boulder Dam. Mr. Butler is the popular manager of the local Safeway store.

Sheppard Homecoming Scheduled For June 28 at Riverside

The Sheppard Homecoming has been definitely scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 28, according to an announcement by the committee on arrangements. This will supersede any and all dates previously mentioned.

Congressman Harry R. Sheppard has wired that he and Mrs. Sheppard will arrive in the 19th district that day, direct from Washington, D. C., where they have lived during the past winter while attending the sessions of Congress.

The City Auditorium in Riverside has been selected for the homecoming celebration which will be attended by friends and supporters of Sheppard from all parts of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Democrats, general welfare folks, Republicans and friends and representatives of various public bodies will unite in a great welcome and tribute to the Congressman.

A program of speaking and entertainment during the earlier part of the

evening will feature the homecoming address by Mr. Sheppard himself. The committee is angling for a non-fictional master of ceremonies with a national reputation as such. Following this, a public reception will be held in the patio of the auditorium, refreshments will be served, and a dance will be staged on the main floor under the direction of the Young Democratic Clubs of the district.

Committees selected from county central committees, assemblies, clubs and groups throughout the district will have charge of program, reception, and the various other functions. Caravans are being organized throughout the district to converge on Riverside side for the program which will start about 7:30 p. m. and continue through till midnight. The committee predicts that the facilities of the auditorium will be taxed to their capacity. No fees or charges of any kind will be made for the event.

W. F. Roberge Seeks Office of Co. Supervisor

W. F. (Fred) Roberge, prominent Banning citizen, announces his candidacy for the office of supervisor of the Fourth district, Riverside county. His statement follows:

This announcement of my candidacy for supervisor from the Fourth district will not come as a surprise to the people of the district. For weeks I have been urged by voters from all parts of the district to announce my candidacy. My decision to run is based on a conviction that the Fourth district needs aggressive representation. I therefore announce my candidacy.

The voters of the district are familiar with my record and experience. I was born in Canada and am a naturalized American citizen; am a veteran of the World War and have lived in Banning for nine years and been actively engaged in the insurance and real estate business. I know the needs of all communities in the Fourth district.

As secretary of the Banning Chamber of Commerce, I became acquainted with the problems of the district and the county, and active cooperation with the various welfare agencies, while so engaged, enables me to comprehend the genuine need of adequate welfare administration in the district. As a present member of the highway committee of the Riverside County Chamber of Commerce and also as a member of the highway committee of the California State Chamber, I am familiar with our road problems. As president of the San Gorgonio Pass Realty Board and as a member of the Banning Planning Commission, I am deeply interested in effecting a practical solution of problems similar to those affecting the whole district. I am a taxpayer and property owner in the district.

During the campaign I want to discuss with the voters the present serious problems of taxation; the very important and vital problems of relief and the problem of more complete cooperation between relief agencies as well as coordination of various county activities, looking toward more effective and economical administration of the county business as a whole.

On these statements and others which will be forthcoming during the campaign, I solicit the favorable consideration of the voters of the Fourth district and I pledge myself, not only to give time and experience but to use my utmost endeavors to represent all of the people of the district to the best of my ability.

SERIES OF BRIDGE PARTIES TO BE GIVEN DURING SUMMER AT CURRY'S IDYLLWILD

Friday, June 24th will mark the first of a series of dessert bridge parties to be given this season at Curry's Idyllwild. The tables will be set in the cedar room of the Inn and serving will begin promptly at 1:30 p. m. A nominal charge of 50c will be made and a prize will be given to the holder of the highest score.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

June 17, 1938.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the above date, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises described as follows:

Curry's, Junction U. S. Hwy. 99 and 29 Palms Highway, Whitewater, California.

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the State Board of Equalization for issuance of an alcohol beverage license for these premises as follows:

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Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such license may file a verified protest with the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, California, stating grounds for denial as provided by law.

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CHARTER PARTIES: Week days, \$40.00 for 20 passengers; all over 20 passengers, \$2.00 per person. Live bait furnished.

Sundays and holidays: \$50.00 for 20 passengers; all over 20 passengers, \$2.00 per person.

A deposit of \$10.00 required in advance.

All boats are government and state inspected and Diesel powered with the exception of the troller.

County Chamber Reports on Past Year's Activities

By resolution the Riverside County Chamber of Commerce at the last annual meeting adopted a policy of making an annual written report of the activities of the County Chamber of Commerce to the citizens of Riverside county. The board of the Riverside County Chamber of commerce here-with submits the report of the activities of this organization for the year 1937-1938.

During the summer of 1937 a reorganization of the County Chamber of Commerce was effected which met all the requirements demanded by the laws of the state of California covering this type of organization. The County Chamber of Commerce is supported by taxation as outlined in the budget of the county and is doing a very effective work in promoting and advertising the resources of Riverside county.

The board consists of five members, one from each supervisorial district. This board meets the second Monday of every month at the court house in Riverside, and holds a meeting in conjunction with the luncheon meetings held throughout the county during the months of October through June. Any citizen of the county is privileged to present at these board meetings any matter concerning Riverside county which comes under the authority of the board of directors. The chief aim of your County Chamber of Commerce is to promote county unity for the adoption of definite objectives which seek the good of the county as a whole.

The standing committees of the County Chamber of Commerce, which are appointed each year to start serving on October 1, are as follows:

- I. Program committee for monthly county meetings—A. A. Piddington.
- II. Highway committee—Robert Westbrook, chairman, Riverside; Frank Emerson, Corona; Cecil Funk, Riverside; J. C. Loomis, Hemet; W. F. Roberge, Banning.
- III. Parks and forest committee—A. E. Bottel, chairman, Riverside; Joe Frishman, Elsinore; Harry Harper, Riverside; Frank Miller, Banning; C. A. Washburn, Indio; Lloyd Record, San Jacinto.

Briefly reviewing the work of the highway committee, a great deal of work has been done in formulating a sound program of state highway improvement in Riverside county, to secure unified support of all parts of the county by planning a program based on need and usefulness of the highways, to use every avenue of approach to secure the fulfillment of the program adopted.

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Other activities of the County Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

I. Feeling that the local fairs throughout the county should be promoted and kept active a fund of \$150 was voted the following fairs to be used for publicity purposes:

KATHARINE HEPBURN AND CARY GRANT BRING "HOLIDAY" JOY TO THE BANNING THEATRE SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY



CARY GRANT AND KATHARINE HEPBURN

Columbia's "Holiday," with Katharine Hepburn as Linda Seton and Cary Grant as Johnny Case, comes to the Banning Theatre for a three-day engagement on Sunday. The film, directed by George Cukor, is based on the highly successful Broadway stage play by Philip Barry.

"Holiday" is the story of modern youth challenging an older generation. The boy is perfectly willing to work hard at his career, but only until such

time as his career has reached the stage where he can retire. And if he can't retire while he's still young, he'd just as soon not have a career. He wants to know what makes the world tick.

The girl is a daughter of wealth and position. Tired of the sham and pretense of her life as a debutante, she is frantically searching for something to absorb her.

county attracts thousands of visitors each winter, we must do all we can to protect and promote its natural beauties.

The monthly meetings held throughout the county have long been one of the outstanding features of the County Chamber's program. Through these meetings the people of the county become acquainted with the problems of the county and the natural outcome is a spirit of cooperation.

During the year the following resolutions were adopted by the board:

- 1. Opposed to taking the Forest Service from the Department of Agriculture.
- 2. Opposed the adoption of the train limit bill.
- 3. Endorsed the Pettingill bill, or the long and short haul railroad bill.
- 4. Opposed the removal of the Grace and Panama-Pacific liners from the intercoastal service.

5. Opposed the Garrison Revenue bond act, especially that part of the act which allows a majority vote to adopt bond issues.

6. Opposed auto club measures which seeks to revamp State Highway Commission and Highway Patrol.

7. Urged Governor and our representatives in state legislature to allocate part of revenues from oil royalties to maintenance and improvements of existing state parks.

The dream of linking the United States by highway with its vast Alaskan domain is brought nearer realization by Congressional action authorizing appointment of a commission to work out details with a similar group in Canada, notes a statement from the Automobile Club of Southern California.

As proposed the highway would commence at Hazelton, British Columbia, present terminus of the Cariboo Highway, which extends 830 miles north from Vancouver. Aerial surveys have established a feasible route through Whitehorse and Dawson in Yukon territory, thence over the Alaska boundary to Fairbanks. The total length of road to be built would be about 1300 miles, costing about \$20,000,000.

In addition to providing communication by highway between the United States and Alaska, the new road would be a link of the projected series of connecting routes making up the International Pacific Highway eventually to extend from the Arctic Circle to below the Equator. This, the longest highway on earth, was conceived and is sponsored by the Automobile Club. In addition to its importance to the United States, the road would open for Canada a present wilderness rich in natural resources.

Congress has authorized the President to appoint a commission of five members. They are to serve for two years, without salary, and work with any similar group named in Canada, in a study for "the survey, location, and construction of highway to connect the Pacific Northwest of the continental United States with British Columbia and the Yukon Territory in the Dominion of Canada, and the Territory of Alaska." The commission is also authorized to cooperate in a study of financing the project.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. Farrar, chairman,
A. A. Piddington,
Chas. E. Johnson,
Frank V. Shannon,
Geo. W. Thomas.

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Departments File Estimates For Riverside County Budget for Fiscal Year

Riverside county's tentative 1938-39 budget, carrying total departmental requests of \$3,320,096—close to \$300,000 more than was appropriated for 1937-38—Monday was presented to the board of supervisors for their consideration by Auditor Ray T. Hicks.

However, this budget is under the preliminary total for 1937-38, Hicks explains, and after the board completes curtailing the various departmental requests, the total should approximate that of last year.

A \$225,000 increase in charities and corrections outgo is the chief increase among the 11 classifications of county administration. Hospital building shows a decline of \$17,000, chiefly because of the completion of the new east wing building, while other classifications show varying increases.

The changes in departmental requests as revealed by the tentative budget are numerous:

1. Elective Jan. 1, 1939, when re-elected incumbents and other officers begin new terms, the revised salary scale as passed last year will become effective causing varying boosts.

2. In the budget of the county clerk is carried the salary of an additional deputy at \$1500 per year. This was also included in last year's budget, but never utilized.

3. The district attorney's office requests an additional deputy at \$2700 per year to augment the present staff of four assistants.

Several county officers have expressed the hope that the \$1.80 general county tax rate can be reduced, and on the report of Assessor George V. Clayton whether the total assessed valuation of the county has increased or dropped, much will depend in this regard, it is explained.

Recapitulation of the 1938-39 preliminary budget as presented to the board of supervisors, by classifications:

	1937-38 Appropriation	1938-39 Request
General Government	\$ 308,633	\$ 362,356
Protection to Persons and Property	379,488	392,435
Conservation of Health	30,276	40,803
Highways and Bridges	372,820	336,500
Charities and Corrections	1,772,625	1,998,727
Hospital Building	119,742	102,700
Education	19,900	20,200
Recreation	3,800	6,075
Immigration	13,700	20,300
Unappropriated Reserve	30,000	30,000

AQUEDUCT CONTRACTORS SUBMIT LOW BID ON SHASTA DAM

Pacific Constructors of Los Angeles submitted a low bid of \$35,939,450 to the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation when bids were opened on June 1 for the construction of Shasta Dam.

Of interest to aqueduct employees is the fact that Pacific Constructors is made up of twelve contracting firms, most of whom have had contracts on the Colorado River Aqueduct. The 12 firms are: L. E. Dixon Co.; Griffith Co.; Metropolitan Construction Co. (Clyde Wood, Jahn & Bress); American Concrete and Steel Pipe Co.; D. W. Thurston; Lawler & McGuire; Shofner, Gordon & Hinman; W. E. Callahan Co.; Gunther Shirley Co.; A. Guthrie Co.; Hunkin-Conkey Co.; Arundel Corp.; and Foley Bros.

An excellent summary of the Shasta Dam project is presented in the May issue of Western Construction News.

The dam, which will be built on the Sacramento river 12 miles north of Redding, California, will rise 560 feet above bedrock, and will be 3,500 feet long.

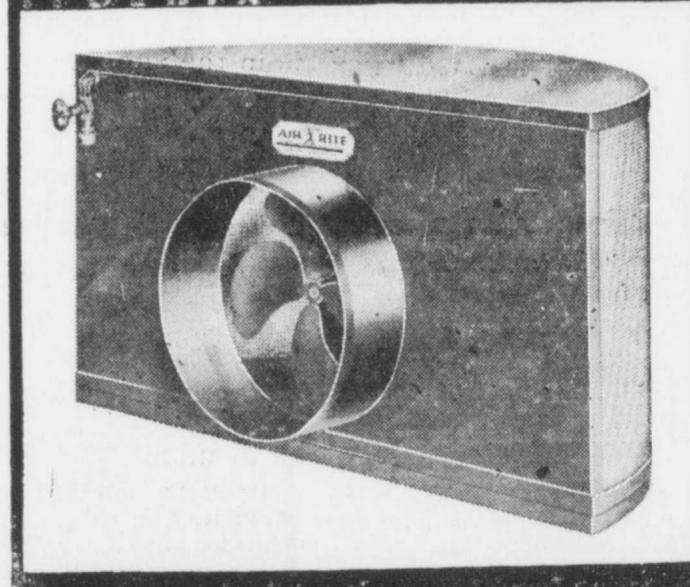
It will contain more than 5,700,000 cubic yards of concrete, and will be second to Boulder Dam in height, and second to Grand Coulee Dam in volume. The project will provide 4,500,000 acre feet of storage.

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(By Carl Barkow)

I attended the biennial premiere of political candidates sponsored by the County Chamber of Commerce at Idyllwild Saturday evening. So many candidates were there that they had to shake hands with each other. Hemet's Irwin Farrar, who was the master of ceremonies, opened the meeting by asking all to stand and sing "America," and the candidates look at their opponents' necks and lustily sang, "of thee I sing."

The candidates were all there, excepting one, who stopped over in Banning and Beaumont Saturday morning to pass out a few political cards, and then decided he'd come up over the Banning-Idyllwild road. He arrived the next morning and I met him as I was on my way to the Idyllwild coffee shop to eat breakfast.

Dr. Warmer, a Riverside preacher, was the right kind of a speaker for such an occasion. As I remember, he said something about cooperation and vision and unity. I was so busy checking up on the potential number of political advertisements as I looked over the field of candidates, I may have missed some of the speech, but my wife said it was a good speech, and my wife is always right. It was the kind of a speech that should be delivered at the opening of the Olympic Games or the world's baseball series, and consequently was appropriate here. He said we were the finest people in the county. If some one had come to the door and said there was a voter outside who would like to interview a candidate, the only fine people remaining in the room would have been the candidates' wives and the newspaper men.

Bob Westbrook, the county chamber's chairman of the highway committee and President Irwin Farrar spoke of the unified county highway program. It is an excellent program, and should have the support of every organization and citizen of the county, for only by going before the state highway commission as a unified group, demanding one highway at a time, without opposition in the county, can we get the roads we need. That's the way they get their roads in San Bernardino county. President Farrar, however, might go a bit farther and take the monkey wrenches away from his protege, Supervisor Ed Talbot, so we could get some Federal money for the Banning-Idyllwild road. So long as one supervisor is constantly threatening to have the work stopped on that road, the forest service naturally will not appropriate any funds for its construction. They'll spend the money in San Bernardino county where the supervisors are united on their mountain roads program. In fact, just recently San Bernardino county received \$450,000 from the Federal government for their mountain roads and \$40,000 from the state, while Riverside county got what the little boy shot at.

Idyllwild Inn and surrounding area was plastered with Ed Talbot cards. Everywhere we looked Ed Talbot was staring us in the face. The idea of Talbot's cards in a mountain resort is about as consistent as Hoover's cards tacked up in federal unemployed transients camps. But Talbot is a better campaigner than Herbert Hoover. He told the people at Idyllwild that he would improve their roads and that he favored repairing the old Banning-Idyllwild road so the mountain people would have a road sooner. Like resurrecting old tin lizzies from a junk yard and repairing them so they could be used as county cars.

There was a time when Talbot had the people of Hemet convinced that the Banning-Idyllwild road was a lot of booeey, and that all the money spent on that road would be money that should be used for the roads of Hemet so the farmers could haul their crops to market—money taken right out of the pockets of the Hemet taxpayers and brought to the north side of the mountains. Reports come from Hemet that many voters realize the Banning road would bring thousands of tourists into the mountains from U. S. Highways 60, 70, and 99,

through Idyllwild into Hemet, and consequently the county's investment in the road would bring profits to all of the county. They have seen that tax revenues from mountain resorts in San Bernardino county have paved the farmers' roads in the valleys of the same county. So Talbot probably will not get as many votes as he got before, for the people of his own district no longer agree with him.

It is also reported Talbot forgot some of the promises he made to San Jacinto and consequently won't get a handful of votes there. Recently he antagonized the voters of Bergman and Diamond Townships by merging those townships with Hemet and thus depriving them of their local township officials. All of this, of course, makes votes for Talbot's opponent, Floyd Gilmore, who has a big following in Hemet where he is one of the pioneer farmers. Gilmore's father was the one who introduced Hemet's foremost industry to that valley, the growing of alfalfa seed, and Gilmore himself has 100 acres of alfalfa and is therefore one of the important seed growers of the valley. He was also at Idyllwild Saturday evening and made a very favorable impression.

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The question is often asked, "Why is it more candidates do not file for the county offices?" The answer seems to be that many do consider filing for the jobs, but after investigation they find a great deal of training and experience is necessary to be able to do the work. This is probably the reason the assessor, auditor, clerk, recorder, and some of the others do not have opposition at the coming elections.

Take for instance the office of county tax collector. C. R. Stibbens has had the office for many years, and without any organization working for his election and with very little personal campaigning, he has always been re-elected. He probably can have the office as long as he wants it. He is too busy attending to the duties of his office to take time out for a political campaign. He must be on hand daily to keep up his work because the taxpayers expect that service, therefore he is at a disadvantage in a campaign year. Every person who transacts business with the county tax collector gets some idea of the accuracy, patience and attention to detail required from this county official, therefore the average voter is not ready to replace him with an untried and inexperienced official to make the collections for the county.

County Clerk Dudley Clayton could be re-elected, but he wished to retire, and his chief deputy, Gordon Pequegnat, filed for the office. With years of experience in the county clerk's office to his credit, Mr. Pequegnat is competent to take care of the position. So far no one has filed to oppose Mr. Pequegnat, or County Auditor Ray Hicks, County Treasurer Joe Reimer, County Recorder Jack Ross, County Assessor George Clayton or County Engineer Alex Fulmor.

The tax collectors and federal inspectors will appear all to frequently without pushing any buttons to call them in.

LIBRARY HOURS

Miss Dorothy Bear, librarian at the Palm Springs Public Library, has announced the following library hours for the summer months:

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Cities Will Receive \$42,210 From State Gas Tax

Riverside county cities will receive \$42,210 in gasoline tax funds during the approaching fiscal year of 1938-39, according to recent estimates of the state division of highways.

The estimates are based on the complete apportionment to the cities for 1937-38 by state officials.

It is reported that the communities received \$42,159.63 last year, of which \$26,920.09 went to the city of Riverside.

The actual division for 1937-38 and the 1938-39 estimates follow:

City	1937-38	1938-39
Banning	\$ 2,508.35	\$ 2,570
Beaumont	1,207.49	1,230
Corona	6,361.97	6,520
Elsinore	1,223.80	1,250
Hemet	2,026.07	2,070
Perris	691.68	700
Riverside	26,920.09	27,620
San Jacinto	1,220.18	2,470
Totals	\$42,159.43	\$42,210

Mexico May Again Countenance and Legalize Gambling

Not so many years ago Mexico invited foreign capital to invest in that country on large or small scale. Once established, the properties in many cases were confiscated and turned over to Mexicans.

Americans in former days spent fortunes in gambling in border towns in Mexico. Then the anti-gambling lid was clamped down, tight. And now the lid may be lifted.

Legalized gambling which, until it was banned by President Lazaro Cardenas three years ago, made the federal territory of Lower California one of Mexico's most prosperous, soon will return, according to persistent, but officially unconfirmed reports at Ensenada.

The rumors, however, are supported by facts in many cases. It was said the gambling would be legalized under the ley de turismo—law of tourists.

Any gambling, it is said, would operate under private companies and individuals, who, in turn, would be under strict governmental supervision. Alberto Aldrete, one-time general manager at the famed Agua Caliente resort, is rumored as the government supervisor of gambling.

Such legalized gambling, it was said, would take in not only Agua Caliente, and Tijuana, but Mexicali, Tecate and Ensenada—all once tourist resorts.

The rumors are that under the plan the Agua Caliente spa would be reopened with the operating company erecting a 200,000 peso building to serve as a school—when the Agua Caliente property was expropriated the government announced it planned to convert it into a school.

Work was started, but, it was stressed the government recently ordered the engineer in charge to halt all operations.

It likewise was stressed the federal government recently halted construction work on the San Felipe-Ensenada highway and handed the job back to the territorial government for completion—the territory now is practically bankrupt, it is said, and funds for continuing the work would be available only from legalized gambling.

Likewise the operators of the Playa hotel at Ensenada recently deposited 35,000 pesos in an Ensenada bank for completion of a new postoffice. This was in accordance with an original contract under which the hotel company agreed to build a postoffice in return for a gambling concession. The hotel company also recently completed construction of a new, 200-foot concrete pier in front of its casino.

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June 22nd was a red letter day at Thomas mountain. Claude S. Cobb, C. W. "Slim" Larrison, and W. R. Hillery, who are on the board of directors of the Mutual Water Company here, together with J. E. Browning and local help, finished the erection of a water tower and tank. The wives of the directors prepared a wonderful dinner at the Cobbtown cottage of A. T. Cobb, whose birthday was celebrated in a most happy way. Only after dinner did a dark cloud dim the gaiety when the radio announced the Brown Bomber the winner in one round.

Before my election to the board of supervisors, and throughout my period in office, I have campaigned steadily for the building of the Banning-Idyllwild Highway with the prison camp labor. I have been glad to take a leading part in this project, now fully assured of completion if we keep on the job in Riverside.

H. Murray Harrison, electrician, has in his spare time, contrived a very efficient space cooler for dwellings. Fortunately the principal of cooling is free and from the great number of independent ideas being incorporated in the ever-increasing number of coolers being installed there should emerge one or a few that are the last word.

John Nachant, who owns the Sun-kist Court, has finished the renovation of his very complete and comfortable cottages and expects to join Mrs. Nachant for a two months vacation after July 1.

Johnnie Bollin, son of Mrs. Phyllis Bollin, has returned to Cathedral City for a week as the house guest of Robert Scholtes.

Carl C. Cavanah, who lives at Snow Creek and carries the mails to the local postoffice, was unsuccessful in his bid for a new contract and will retire July 1.

Carl is an institution in Cathedral City and has endeared himself to the villagers by his many kindnesses and unrewarded services.

CHAS. CHAMBERLIN PURCHASES LEAVITT HOME IN VISTA ACRES TRACT

Charles G. Chamberlain, prominent local contractor, has purchased the lovely home of B. J. Leavitt in the Vista Acres Tract, and he and Mrs. Chamberlain will establish their residence there this fall.

Chamberlain plans to make improvements on the home during the summer.

Among the Palm Springs members who attended the meeting of the County Chamber of Commerce at Idyllwild Saturday evening were Mayor Philip Boyd, Councilman Frank Shannon, Culver Nichols, John R. E. Chaffey, Austin G. McManus, Mrs. Nellie N. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barkow.

The Riverside county board of supervisors and the W. P. A. are joining together this Saturday, June 25, in dedicating the new east wing of the Riverside county hospital, which was just completed recently. The dedication exercises are slated to begin at 1 p. m.

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trial to serve your interests and to apportion fairly and impartially the funds over all parts of our large district. Programs have been set in motion which I hope, with your continued cooperation, to complete in the coming term.

"Before my election to the board of supervisors, and throughout my period in office, I have campaigned steadily for the building of the Banning-Idyllwild Highway with the prison camp labor. I have been glad to take a leading part in this project, now fully assured of completion if we keep on the job in Riverside.

"This is one of the greatest accomplishments of the past few years, affected with the hearty cooperation of other members of the board and the alertness of citizens of the Fourth district. This is not simply for the Pass country, but of equal value to the whole district and desert country. The mountains are now our largest assets and have added millions to the tax rolls. The only road now available to the Ocean-to-Ocean and home mountain travel, the Pines to Palms Highway, needs the Banning-Idyllwild route and its completion is one of the dreams of my career.

"I am looking forward to being of service in connection with the bringing

of the All-American Canal into Coachella Valley, second only to the Metropolitan Water district in its meaning to this section.

"The addition of Mecca and Blythe to the Fourth district has been fully studied and planned in connection with the road building plan. I have worked out a long-range program that will give the fullest outlet for each section; and it is my earnest desire to complete this program.

"It has always been my objective to keep the taxes at the lowest minimum, but due to certain legislation of the state and nation, taxpayers must pay much over which we have no control.

"I believe I have demonstrated to you beyond any question of doubt my concern in your personal problems and interests, in that I have given every problem presented to me my earnest consideration.

"In flood control and conservation, I shall continue to study and work in the interests of my district.

"There are many problems facing the board at present, and one educated in the problems will prove a real asset in the next few years. The taxpayers have paid for this education and I am willing to continue to serve my constituents to the best of my ability.

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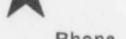
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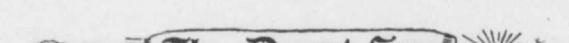
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